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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
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SUBJECT: RECIPROCAL ENFORCEMENT OF ENTRY/EXIT RESTRICTIONS

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- 1. DESPITE HER REPEATED PLEAS, EMBASSY GOVERNESS WAS REMOVED FROM TRAIN BY SOVIET BORDER GUARDS AT BREST APRIL 6 AND DENIED PERMISSION TO EXIT USSR BECAUSE HER EXIT VISA AUTHORIZED BORDER CROSSING ONLY AT MOSCOW (AIR) OR VYBORG (SURFACE). GOVERNESS WAS OBLIGED PURCHASE NEW BREST-MOSCOW TICKET AND RETURN TO MOSCOW WHERE SHE WILL TRY TO HAVE EXIT VISA AMENDED IN TIME FOR APRIL 8 DEPARTURE. (FYI: ENDORSEMENT NOT MADE ORIGINALLY BECAUSE OF MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CONSULAR LOCAL AND GOVERNESS.)
- 2. ALTHOUGH SUCH EXIT POINTS REFUSALS ARE NOT FREQUENT, THEY DEMONSTRATE SEVERITY OF SOVIET EXIT CONTROLS AND FACT THAT SOVIET AUTHORITIES' VERY STRICTLY ENFORCE THE TERMS OF THE VARIOUS ENDORSEMENTS IN EMBASSY STAFF MEMBERS' SOVIET VISAS.
- 3. AS EARLIER REPORTED (PARA 9 REFTEL B) EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT AS RESULT OF NEW AEROFLOT SERVICE THERE WILL BE PROBLEMS WHEN SOVIET PERSONNEL WITH US VISAS ENDORSED FOR ENTRY AT NYC ARRIVE AT DULLES AND VICE VERSA. SUCH PROBLEMS WILL ONLY BE CONFIDENTIAL

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OBVIATED WHEN SOVIET AUTHORITIES ACCEPT US PROPOSAL MADE

MARCH 28 (OR VARIANT THEREOF) PROPOSING ENTRY POINT ENDORSEMENTS NEW YORK-DULLES BE EXCHANGED FOR MOSCOW-LENINGRAD-VYBORG ENDORSEMENTS (REF A).

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE IF DEPARTMENT WOULD RECOMMEND TO IMMIGRATION SERVICE THAT ENTRY/EXIT PERMIT ENDORSEMENTS IN US VISAS OF SOVIET OFFICIALS ALSO BE STRICTLY ENFORCED DURING NEXT WEEKS. SUCH ENFORCEMENT MAY SERVE TO INDUCE MORE PROMPT AND FORTHCOMING SOVIET RESPONSE ON THIS ISSUE. FOR EXAMPLE IT IS BELIEVED SOVIET OFFICIAL WHO ARRIVES AT DULLES WITH NYC ENDORSEMENT (OR VICE VERSA) SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO HAVE HIS VISA WITH PASSPORT SUBMITTED TO VISA OFFICE FOR CORRECTION BEFORE FORMAL ENTRY IS GRANTED. STOESSEL

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